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GERMAN EMPEROR AND HIS STAFF HAVE GONE TO THE WESTERN FRONT

OPERATIONS OF GREAT SEVERITY ARE IN PROGRESS.

FIGHTING IN SNOW

Six-Foot Snowfall Stops Fighting Between the Russians and Turks.

The German emperor, according to late advices by way of Copenhagen, has gone to the front in the western theatre of the war, where a general attempt by the Allies to force the Germans backward has been going on for several days.

Both German and French official statements clearly show that operations of great severity are in progress but they differ as to results. The French claim advances along the line; the recapture by British troops of trenches previously lost and the repulse of German attacks at the retaking of trenches which have fallen to the Allies during the past day or two. South of Noyon, also, the French claim to have gained a foothold in the first line of the German trenches. No mention is made by the French of any repulse of the allied forces.

The German official statement tells of the dislodgement in the neighborhood of the canal of La Bassée of the Anglo-Indian troops and the capture of their trenches after inflicting heavy losses and taking prisoners. To the northeast of Chalons, in the neighborhood of Souain, also, the Germans claim to have repulsed a fierce attack by the French, who left many prisoners in their hands and a large number of dead in front of their positions. While all the world is awaiting the outcome of the battles in Poland and Galicia, few details are being made public, probably because no definite decisions have been reached. The continuance of the German operations in Poland is referred to in the most recent bulletin, but the relative positions of the opposing forces are not mentioned.

The head of the general staff of the Russian army issues a statement from Petrograd warning the Russian public against "malevolent reports" during the past few days concerning the condition and strategic positions of the Russian army.

The fact that the Russian armies have adopted a narrower front, is explained by this official, was the result of a decision reached after full consideration by the military authorities, in view of the concentration in front of the Russians of considerable forces. A call for \$150,000,000 of Great Britain's last war loan has been made without disturbance to English money rates.

No agreement has been reached between the United States and British governments regarding the rights of Great Britain to search ships leaving American ports, which are suspected of carrying contraband.

Even though the American government agents to the examination of cargoes at ports of shipment, Great Britain makes no guarantee of exemption from further inspection if the admiralty deems such inspection necessary.

The Triple Entente powers have given guarantees to Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece or Rumania should Greece lend aid to Serbia should Rumania (Continued on page four.)

Ready For Final Struggle For National Prohibition
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Legislative weapons were furnished up today for the final struggle in the house of representatives tomorrow over the Hobson constitutional amendment for national prohibition. The fight will begin at 10 o'clock to last until the roll is called on the resolution to submit the amendment to the State legislatures for ratification.

NEW WEAPON FOR WAR INVENTED

Scatters White Hot Mixture of Molten Steel and Fills Air With Deadly Gas.

(By Associated Press.)
GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—A new projectile which would scatter a white hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack, and fill the atmosphere with a deadly gas, making it impossible for fire fighters to approach, has been invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr., according to a statement made by the inventor today. The missile may appear soon in the European war, as some of the belligerents are negotiating for its purchase, he said. The United States is conducting experiments with the projectile at Sandy Hook, he added.

The missile is designed for use in siege guns. Mr. Hammond explained that it carries an aluminothermic mixture which, five seconds after the projectile is discharged, turns the steel inside into a white hot mixture at a temperature of 5,400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Schedule Includes Radical Changes
(By Associated Press.)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—The 1915 Harvard football schedule, officially announced tonight, includes the most radical changes ever made by the Crimson. Five of the nine dates are filled by new teams.

Cornell takes the place of Michigan; Carleton supplants Tufts; University of Virginia displaces Washington and Jefferson; Colby is taken on instead of Bates, and Massachusetts Agricultural College displaces Springfield Y. M. C. A. College. The Yale, Princeton, Brown and Pennsylvania State games remain.

All contests except with Princeton, which will be played at the Palmer stadium, are to be held at Cambridge.

House Passes Urgent Deficiency Bill

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house today passed an urgent deficiency bill carrying \$4730,995, including \$554,371 to cover unexpected expenses incurred by the army in the occupation of Vera Cruz. During the debate Republican Leader Mann attacked the administration's Mexican policy.

"This bill," he said, "carries half a million dollars to pay the expenses of our troops at Vera Cruz, sent there to obtain a salute of 21 guns, which has not yet been given."

Will Withdraw Forces.
NACO, Ariz., Dec. 21.—If General Maytorena will withdraw his Villa forces from the siege at Naco, Mexico, General Benjamin Hill's Carranza forces will not pursue him, according to a tentative agreement between Hill and United States army officers, announced today.

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Sailors of the Bulwark who went down With Battleship.



This is a group of seamen of the British battleship Bulwark, which was sunk in the Medway, just off the entrance to the Thames. Since then there has been a dispute about the cause of the wreck. The British admiralty insisted that a magazine with-

ing the vessel had exploded, but there is strong grounds for belief that a German submarine torpedoed the warship. So complete was the wreck that only one man of the more than 800 on board the vessel was saved.

There has been just as much mystery about the sinking of the Audacious north of Ireland. The British admiralty has not yet admitted that the vessel went down, but it is generally believed that she, too, was the victim of the daring commander of a German submarine.

ARMY AVIATOR DROWNS IN SEA

STORMY WEATHER AND BAD AIR CURRENTS BLAMED FOR ACCIDENT

HIS BODY WAS BADLY BRUISED

Eighteenth to Give Up His Life in the Interest of Government Aviation.

(By Associated Press.)
OCEANSIDE, Calif., Dec. 21.—Lieutenant F. J. Gerstner, observer in one of the six United States army scout aeroplanes that started today on a flight from San Diego to Los Angeles, was drowned in the sea ten miles north of here. Captain L. R. Muller, pilot of the wrecked machine, was rescued by Captain L. W. Patterson, another army aviator, whose aeroplane had been wrecked near where Lieutenant Gerstner met his death.

Muller was badly bruised by the fall. Gerstner's body was recovered. Four of the six machines came to earth near here. The other machine reached Los Angeles in safety. Stormy weather and bad air currents were blamed for the accidents.

The aeroplanes were to have made the flight back from Los Angeles tomorrow to report the number and disposition of troops maneuvering in the vicinity of San Diego. The contest was for a trophy.

Eighteenth Victim.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Frederick J. Gerstner, killed today at Oceanside, was the 18th aviator to give his life in the interests of government aviation since Lieutenant Selfridge fell to his death at Fort Meyer, Va., in 1908, testing the first army aeroplane. Fourteen army officers, two naval officers and two civilian instructors make up the toll.

Lieutenant Gerstner was only 23 years old. He was born in Michigan and was appointed to the military academy in 1909. On graduating in 1913 he was assigned to the Tenth cavalry but recently he was assigned to the aviation school at San Diego, Calif.

BATTLE WILL BEGIN ANEW

HARRY THAW WILL BE RETURNED TO NEW YORK FOR ANOTHER TRIAL

ESCAPED FROM INSANE ASYLUM

Stands Indicted on Charge of Conspiracy to Escape From Institution.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The right of New York State to extradite Harry K. Thaw from New Hampshire was upheld today by the United States supreme court in an unanimous opinion, reversing Judge Aldrich, of the federal district court of New Hampshire. Justice Holmes, speaking for the court, declared the case was "too clear for lengthy argument," and swept aside as irrelevant all contentions of Thaw's counsel.

Conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum, to which he was committed after killing Stanford White in 1906, is the charge on which Thaw stands indicted in New York. On this indictment, once the prisoner is again in the hands of the New York authorities, will begin anew Thaw's battle against being returned to Matteawan. Just what the line of action then may be taken was not known here today.

After 30 days, unless counsel for both sides join in asking for earlier action, the supreme court will issue a mandate to Judge Aldrich to set aside his decree in habeas corpus proceedings, which ordered Thaw's release by the New Hampshire authorities. This will cause Thaw, now at liberty under guard of a federal court custodian, to be turned over to the State of New Hampshire and pave the way for his immediate extradition to New York.

Thaw's counsel sought his freedom on the ground that the indictment against him charged no crime; that if he was insane as the New York authorities contended in placing him in the asylum, he could not be guilty of the crime of conspiracy, for which his extradition was sought.

The supreme court held in effect that the question of the prisoner's insanity and sanity was one to be decided by the New York State courts. (Continued on Page Four)

LEVER COTTON WAREHOUSE BILL

MEASURE PROVIDING LICENSING OF WARE HOUSES PASSES HOUSE

WAS APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION

Will Result in Establishing Uniform Warehouse Receipts.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Lever cotton warehouse bill, before the house for months, was passed today, 218 to 97. The measure provides for federal licensing of cotton and grain warehouses, and is a substitute for a senate bill restricted to cotton warehouses. The bill now goes to conference between the houses.

The bill, approved by the administration, was the subject of brief debate, its sponsors contending that it would greatly enhance confidence in agricultural products. Its opponents claimed it was unconstitutional.

"This bill," said Representative Lever, "will result in the establishment of uniform warehouse receipts and uniform warehouse receipts for agricultural products throughout the country. It will give a certainty and value to warehouse receipts which will make the evidence of ownership of agricultural products. It will enhance the value of warehouse receipts as collateral on which loans may be sought by producers. It will give greater negotiability to agricultural receipts for agricultural products."

The measure will bring together more closely agricultural products and banking capital. It will result in larger storage facilities for agricultural products and will serve as an incentive to farmers to store their products and thereby save millions of dollars of wealth loss each year. It will furnish the farmer for the first time in this country the machinery through which he not only may know the class or grade of his products, but its commercial value. It will put him in a position to market his crops when the demand is strongest and the price highest. It is a farmer's bill and a most far reaching forward step in our cumbersome system of marketing."

The bill is not compulsory in any way.

FIGHT BETWEEN WHITES AND NEGROES IN OCONEE SUNDAY

FATE OF BILL IS IN DOUBT

Postponement of Action on Immigration Bill Until After Holidays Seems Certain.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Postponement of action on the immigration bill pending in the senate until after the Christmas holidays, was made virtually certain today when Senator James H. Lewis, of Illinois, after a conference with President Wilson, gave notice that he would offer an amendment to strike from the measure the proposed literacy test for aliens.

As soon as Senator Lewis had made his announcement champions of the bill sought to have further discussion on the bill delayed until after the holidays. Parliamentary tangles were encountered, however, and on motion of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, the measure was temporarily laid aside to be taken up again tomorrow.

The fate of the bill, it was declared by several Democratic senators tonight, is in doubt as a result of President Wilson's opposition to the literacy test. In the opinion of the sponsors, striking out of this provision would mean defeat of the bill because no substitute method of restricting has been agreed on.

Protesting Against Tolls on Lumber

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Whether or not a deck load is subject to tolls on a steamer passing through the Panama Canal was discussed at length without a decision today by Secretary Garrison, Attorney General Gregory, Judge Advocate General Browder, of the army, and Major Briggs, purchasing officer of the canal. His lumber interests on the Pacific coast are protesting against tolls on deck loads of lumber, contending that Congress especially provided for the measurement of the net tonnage of the interior of the vessel and conferred no authority for measuring and taxing deck tonnage.

Further conference will be held.

Methodist Minister Killed in Wreck

(By Associated Press.)
DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 21.—Rev. Leslie P. Howard, pastor of the Duke Memorial church here and one of the best known Methodist ministers in North Carolina, was killed in a railroad accident at Kingston, N. Y., today, according to a message received here from Kingston. Mr. Howard was being treated at a Kingston sanitarium. The message gave no details. He was a native of Alabama.

Can Declare War Without Fear

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will spend Christmas Day quietly with his family in the White House. Presents for the President and his family have begun to arrive from all parts of the country. Herbert Cochran, of Oklahoma, has sent him a turkey bearing a tag with this inscription: "This is a Turkey on which you can declare war without fear."

Wholesale Execution of Prominent Men in Mexico

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Additional reports of executions of political offenders in the interior of Mexico reached the border today. Prisoners arriving from Mexico said that 16 men had been killed at the national capital in the last week. Reliable reports from Chihuahua City said that 140 persons had been killed there in the last month.

Several days ago General Villa's troops, it is said, took several prominent prisoners to Chihuahua City from Mexico City. It is not known if they are numbered among the killed. Among them were General Miguel Delgado, a former federal commander, and several other federal generals. Guillermo Terrazas, of the rich Chihuahua family of that name, and Castulo Baca, a rich resident of Parral, Baja, is reported as held for ransom, together with Luis Terrazas, Jr., who has been detained at Chihuahua City several months.

THREE NEGROES KILLED AND FOUR OF EACH KIND ARE WOUNDED

AT FAIR PLAY

Trouble is Said to Have Started Over Arrest of a Negro Man.

THREE ARE KILLED

A report by Associated Press early this morning states that three Green Gibsons were killed in the fight at Fair Play Sunday afternoon and that later the bodies of two of his sons were found. This report confirms statements from Walhalla, appearing in the story below, that two sons of Green Gibson were missing and that it was feared they had met the same fate as their father.

Incomplete and conflicting reports of a race riot which occurred at Fair Play late Sunday afternoon have reached Anderson. One report is that a negro was lynched and that two others who have disappeared probably met the same fate, and that as a result of the fracas four white men are wounded and as many negroes. Another report is that one negro was killed in the fight between white men and negroes and that four members of each race were wounded. Two reports are current as to the cause of the trouble, one statement being that the fight grew out of an insult which a negro offered a white lady Saturday afternoon and the other account stating that the trouble started when a posse of white men attempted to arrest a negro who was charged with burning a barn.

Those Injured.
The white men wounded in the fight are: Magistrate William C. "Coon" McClure, who received 16 shots in the face; Paul Maret, who was shot in the back; John McDonald, who was shot in the face and had one eye put out; Woodrow Campbell, who was shot in the finger. Gregg Gibson is given as the name of the negro who was lynched or shot to death in the fight.

Walhalla Account.
The following account of the affair was received from Walhalla, county seat of Oconee county, in which the fight occurred: "Oconee county had her first lynching in her history Sunday, when Green Gibson, an old negro, was shot to death near Fair Play. It is reported that a son of Green Gibson and another negro are missing, and it is supposed that they were killed. The report from the Fair Play section, which is 25 miles away, is that the community is very much wrought up. It may be the sequel of the stabbing of Julius Maret, some days ago by a Georgia negro. The negro Bird, who did the stabbing, is now in jail at Toocoo, Ga. The sheriff was not informed today that there was anything wrong in the lower section of the county. An inquiry for details came this afternoon from another county and when Sheriff Davis was asked about it he said that he knew nothing. About six o'clock a citizen came in from the country and gave the above which he had heard Sheriff Davis will leave tonight for the scene. It is feared."

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charge of being a spy.

They are Doing It in Mexico.
NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Eight Mexicans, alleged to have been concerned in a scheme to aid the Carranza faction in Mexico, were arrested here today, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws.

Will Maintain Strict Neutrality

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Following categorical assurances of the Bulgarian government that it will maintain strict neutrality in the war, Great Britain, France and Russia have given guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece in the event the latter country assists Serbia, and will not attack Rumania should that state actively participate in the war.